

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 5, line 14 with the following replacement paragraph:

The names, numbers, and functions of respective genes in the Tables contained herein conform with the *Bacillus subtilis* genome data reported in Nature, 390, 249-256 (1997) and made public by JAFAN (Japan Functional Analysis Network for *Bacillus subtilis*; BSORF DB) on the Internet (~~http://bacillus.genome.ad.jp/~~, renewed June 17, 2003; to activate link replace ~~http: with http:.~~) (~~http://bacillus.genome.ad.jp/~~, renewed June 17, 2003).